Appl, No. 10/716,859 Amdt. Dated 12/01/2005 Reply to Office Action of September 7, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-5 and -9-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of the obviousness-type double patenting based on claims 1-7, 12, 14-17 and 22-23 of co-pending Application No. 10/717,332. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate the potential obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Withdraw the obviousnesstype double patenting rejection of claims 1-5 and 9-20 is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on August 31, 2005 prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge consideration of the cited references since the SB-08A form was not returned with the first Office Action.

Furthermore, Applicants are assuming that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is to be taken in light of the structure and interaction recited in the claims. Applicants note that the Examiner's various comments should not be used to read non-existent limitations into the claims.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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